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1. RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC-TV "TODAY":

QUOTE: IT COULD BE CALLED A HISTORIC LAST, THE LAST TIME HENRY KISSINGER WILL CLIMB ABOARD A BOEING 707 FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL FLEET, TAIL NUMBBR 86970, AND FLY OFF ON A FOREIGN MISSION AS THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE. KISSINGER'S VALEDICTORY VOYAGE IS A ROUTINE ONE. HE'S GOING TO BRUSSELS FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS, SOMETHING EVERY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE DOES AT THISTIME OF YEAR. FROM BRUSSELS HE'S

GOING ON TO LONDON TO CONFER WITH TOP BRITISH OFFICIALS ABOUT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, ONE OF THE FEW ONGOING NEGOTIATION; IN WHICH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS STILL ACTIVELY ENGAGED. BY THE TIME KISSINGER RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY, HE WILL HAVE LOGGED MORE THAN 565,000 MILES

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IN OVERSEAS TRAVEL DURING HIS THREE YEARS AND TWO MONTHS

AS SECRETARY OF STATE. THAT COMES OUT TO ABOUT
15,000 PER MONTH. AS THEY SAY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS,
RECORDS ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN, BUT KISSINGER'S TRAVEL
RECORD MAY STAND UP FOR A WHILE. END QUOTE.

2. BRUCE MORTON, CBS-TV MORNING NEWS

QUOTE: WASHINGTON IS FULL OF LAST ACTS THESE DAYS, AND
ONE OF ITS STAR PERFORMERS LEAVES TODAY ON A SORT OF
FAREWELL TOUR. HENRY KISSINGER IS OFF TO BRUSSELS FOR
A NATO MEETING, THE LAST DEMONSTRATION OF THE PERSONAL
DIPLOMACY WHICH MADE HIM FAMOUS. KISSINGER TALKED
YESTERDAY WITH HIS SUCCESSOR, CYRUS VANCE, EACH MAN SAYING
KIND THINGS ABOUT THE OTHER, AND KISSINGER IS CARRYING
WITH HIM A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, PLEDGING
HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.
KISSINGER WILL BE PREACHING THE VIRTUES OF A STRONG
DEFENSE IN BRUSSELS. THE BRITISH, BESET BY ECONOMIC
WORRIES, HAVE TALKED OF CUTTING THEIR NATO FORCE. END
QUOTE. ROBINSON

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